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STATE CONVENTION.

Annual Sunday School Convention to be Held at Clyffside.

41st Annual Convention of the Kentucky Sunday School Association, August 21, 22, 23, 1906, Clyffside Park, Kentucky's Greatest International, Inspirational, Educational, Informational Sunday School Gathering. Ten Sunday School Experts of State, National and International Fame.

This Convention is one of a World-wide Series that stands for better and larger Sunday Schools in every church of every evangelical denomination in the world. You'll miss it if you miss it.

Ashland is a beautiful little city of about 8,000 inhabitants, as hospitable a people as the sun ever shown upon. Catlettsburg, five miles away, is its twin sister and equally as attractive, about 4,000. The two cities are connected by an electric car line. The Convention will be held in the auditorium at beautiful Clyffside Park. A more ideal place could not be chosen. It is a regular Chattanooga park, with all the appointments of a pleasure resort. We have never had an opportunity to so combine business and pleasure. Those who take this trip will ever look back to it as a green and fragrant spot in their memories.

The railroads will give reduced rates, and all accredited delegates will be entertained, so the expense need not be great. Sunday Schools should help bear the expense of their delegates.

This Convention, without doubt, will be the greatest ever held in the State. The audience and the speakers make a convention. We expect one of the largest, most enthusiastic, and most appreciative audiences ever gathered at a State Convention.

An inspiring audience deserves inspiring speakers, and we have spared no pains in securing the best the nation affords.

Mr. W. C. Pearce, of Chicago. Mr. Pearce is one of the best known and best loved Sunday School men in America. He is an International Field Worker and will bring to us the best America affords, and will give it to us in such palatable form that we'll cry for more.

Dr. H. M. Hamill, of Nashville. When the roll of fame is made up, Dr. Hamill's name will stand near the top. He is one of our recognized leaders, a man with a big heart and a giant intellect. His work will never be forgotten by those who are fortunate enough to hear him.

Rev. Wm. Meglison, of Richmond. Mr. Meglison is a Sunday School Field Worker for the Southern Presbyterian Church. He is full of fire, and snap and vim, and holds his audience with a magic skill. He instructs, at the same time he entertains.

These three men from out the State all have a world-wide reputation. They will put a power and an enthusiasm into our Convention that will make all feel that it is indeed good to be there. But this is not all. Kentucky boasts Sunday School leaders second to none in America, and they will all be there. There is our own incomparable Miss Nannie Lee Frayser, whose sweet Bible stories and touching heart-to-heart talks will melt you to tears and make you feel a little nearer heaven than you have ever been before. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of the Baptist Theological Seminary, and a most inspiring speaker, will be there. Mr. Robt. M. Hopkins, of the Christian Church; Rev. J. T. Watts, of the Baptist Church; Messrs. Fox, Geahner, Vaughan and Green, of the Kentucky Sunday School Association, all of them experts, will have a prominent place on the program.

The NEWS desires to call the special attention of its readers to this Convention. It will be held by ideal Sunday School workers, at an ideal spot for such a meeting, and all who attend will be pleased and benefited. Reference will be again made to the event.

The Pin Factory.

The Louisa telephone pin and bracket factory is now in operation under the management of its owner, J. E. Ahlers. The product turned out so far is first class.

Mr. Ahlers is now ready for locust timber and those who have any should come in and contract it.

Prestonsburg Items.

The Floyd County Teachers' Institute convened here the 9th inst., with Prof. Byington as instructor. There were over one hundred teachers enrolled, most of them former students of Kentucky Normal College. All present seemed to be very enthusiastic for the school. Punctuality and hand-work was the order. The Institute was treated to several very interesting talks by visiting educators, to-wit: Prof. Will Ward, ex-Supt. Johnson and the present Supt. McDowell, of Johnson county; Mr. W. J. Vaughan, of Louisa, and Prof. Denmore, of Berea College.

The work of the Institute closed by endorsing Prof. Byington as an instructor and asking our worthy Supt. to employ him to teach our next Institute, which was concurred in by the Supt. So you see the Professor's work is not at an end in Floyd county. The Institute further endorsed the removal of Kentucky Normal College to Louisa and many promised to be there by Jan. 1st, 1907. I only voice the sentiment of many others in the upper Sandy Valley when I say that with a proper effort on the part of the good people of Louisa this school will soon take its place as one of the best educational institutions in the county.

The commodious dwelling of J. C. Martin with all its contents was consumed by fire at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 11 inst. Loss \$6000. Insurance \$3500.

Our able Commonwealth's Attorney A. B. Stephens was called to Ashland Saturday to see his father who is reported to be in a dying condition.

Hon. W. H. May left yesterday for Hindman, where he has been retained to assist the Commonwealth in the case of Tandy Martin, charged with murder of a Mr. Ambury.

Politics are warming up in the old Tenth. The Democrats will meet at Pikeville August 1st to nominate a candidate to succeed Hon. F. A. Hopkins in the next Congress. We are unable to say who will capture the nomination, but we venture to say he will be a Democrat, all wool and a yard wide, and will carry the party to victory in November.

With three whoops for Bill Bryan in 1908 it will close. They Roar.

Special Bridge Rate to Teams.

The Louisa & Fort Gay Bridge Company has made a rate of \$25 for 200 crossings for two horses, vehicle and driver, and a rate of \$20 for one horse, vehicle and driver.

This concession was the result of an application from a bakery handle company that desires to locate a mill in Louisa, mention of which is made elsewhere in this issue.

Fortunately, the bridge is owned and controlled by local people who are willing to make all reasonable concessions to enterprises that will benefit the two towns which the bridge connects.

The Bell Telephone.

The Bell Telephone people have about sixty men at work on the Big Sandy line. A shipment of material came in here a few days ago. The company expects to have the new Louisa exchange in working order by the time the through line reaches this place from Huntington. They will follow the same plan in the three towns above Louisa. September first is as soon as we can hope for completion to this point, and it is doubtful whether the work can be completed by that time.

A Bit of Law.

Now that the threshing season is at hand and traction engines are moving about, it would be well for those who are running them to remember that the law requires them to send a man 200 yards in advance of a traction engine to warn persons to look out for their horse, and render them assistance if necessary. A stiff fine is the penalty for failure to comply with the law in this case.

An effort is on foot to organize among the business men and citizens a permanent club for the purpose of creating and maintaining a fund for purposes needed by the town, such as 4th of July entertainments, expenses of efforts to secure enterprises for the town, etc. It is a valuable movement and should be backed by every wide awake resident of Louisa.

HOW TUG RIVER

Was Given Its Name is Told in This Account.

The state department of Archives and History is in receipt of valuable material, dealing with both the past and the future. Among the valuable documents just received by the department are copies of the journals kept by Colonel William Preston and Lieut. Thomas Morton, both of the famous "Big Sandy Expedition," undertaken against the Shawnee Indian towns in the year 1756. The readers of these journals will be surprised to see how much fiction has been woven around this important historical event, the most important to occur on the Virginia frontier during the French and Indian wars. Only recently our historical students investigated the facts connected with this movement and find that the accounts contained in the famous expedition in Wither's "Chronical Border Warfare," is little else than legends, copied from the newspaper article written by Hugh Paul Taylor for the "Fincastle Mirror" in 1829.

The facts are that the expedition in the course of its travels, never reached a point further west than the present site of Wharnciffe, a station situated on our present Norfolk & Western railroad, at the lower end of what are known as the "Roughs of the Tug," the long rapids in the river where the expedition lost its supplies, and was thus forced to abandon the object of its march. The derivation of the name "Tug," which the northern fork of the Big Sandy received is credited to the laborious efforts of members of the party, as devoid of supplies, and during the bleak days of the month of February, they tucked at the oars of the boats in an effort to steer and pull them through and over the rushing and foaming waters of what is now termed the "Roughs of the Tug."

This was the "tugging," the place upon which they battled against where they "tugged," and the river obstacles, and for that reason the stream was given the name of Tug river. The journal states that the expedition was never at any time nearer than within forty miles of the famous Burning Springs, which played such a prominent part in Taylor's fiction of the experiences of the party comprising the expedition, and which was in turn copied by Wither as history, and which at a later day, writers have used when speaking of the natural gas interests of the State.

The M. E. Church South.

Regular services as follows: (We use sun time.)

Prayer Meeting, each Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Sabbath School, each Sabbath at 9:30 a. m.

Preaching, each Sabbath at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services. Strangers in the town specially invited to worship with us. "Come then with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel."

O. F. Williams, Pastor.

The Hospital.

The River View Hospital stockholders have decided to tear away the old building and the work is under way. Concrete blocks will probably be used in the construction of the building. The erection of an entirely new structure will make possible a plan considerably better than could have been used in remodeling the old building. The architect is now at work on new plans, which will provide a greater number of rooms for patients.

Lockhaven.

F. H. Yates has decided to place upon the market a limited number of lots in Lockhaven, the new town site just across the river from Louisa. The prices will be so low for this first installment of lots as to assure their sale.

Mr. Yates has offered to donate several acres for park purposes to a local company, and the proposition is under serious consideration. The plat would contain enough ground, we understand, for a race track, a golf ground, etc.

Hargis Acquitted.

We have all along felt that, before the evidence and the argument were completed, it would be proved to the satisfaction of somebody or other that James B. Marcum came to his death from biting himself in the back of the neck. The somebody or other turns out to be a lot of twelve men of Lee county, who after twenty minutes of absence from the court room, brought in a verdict acquitting James Hargis and Edward Callahan of the murder of James B. Marcum.

The verdict of not guilty in the Marcum trial is the culmination of a long and bitter fight in courts in an attempt to convict James Hargis and Ed Callahan as chief conspirators in one of the darkest crimes in Kentucky history. James B. Marcum was a mountain Republican lawyer of excellent standing. He was engaged three years ago as an attorney in the contest against Hargis and Callahan, respectively Democratic County Judge and Sheriff-elect, to oust them from their offices on an allegation of corrupt election. Much bitterness was aroused and frequent open ruptures occurred.

In May, 1903, Marcum was shot to death from behind in the Jackson courthouse. Curt Jett and Tom White were convicted and given life terms for the murder. It was charged that they were the tools of Callahan, Hargis and others. Jett, after his conviction, confessed that he shot Marcum and that his act was inspired by Callahan and Hargis. On the witness stand, however, he repudiated the confession and said he alone was responsible. The acquittal followed largely on this repudiation.

A jury of Clark-county citizens returned a verdict for \$8,000 damages a year ago against Hargis on the allegation that he had caused Marcum to be killed. The suit was filed by Mrs. Marcum.—Louisville Times.

Flinch Club Outing.

Last week the Flinch people varied their usual program most pleasantly. Mrs. Robert Burchett was the hostess for that week, and as she is at their summer home at Salt Peter the town members made an outing of the meeting and the usual phrase, "a perfectly lovely time," hardly does justice to the occasion.

The members and a few invited guests drove up to Mrs. Burchett's in the afternoon and were cordially received. The flinch tables were set under the beautiful trees which adorn the place. Here the games were played,—when the ladies were not eating plums,—and when anybody grew hungry she went to a table fairly groaning with good things and helped herself to fried chicken, sandwiches, pickles, jelly, croquettes and numerous other eatables prepared in a manner all Mrs. Burchett's own. No mishap befell the gay party, and they will long remember the day at Lock No. 1.

August Wedding.

The engagement of Miss Bessie, the only daughter of Theodore Stoeckel, of Newark, N. J., and D. H. Carpenter, of Catlettsburg, Ky., has been announced. Miss Stoeckel is well known in Wilkes-Barre. She is the niece of Dr. Louise Stoeckel and of Mrs. E. J. Butler, of this city.

The above item taken from the Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Record, of recent date, will be of interest to our readers, as it concerns D. H. Carpenter, one of the wealthiest and most prominent business men of Catlettsburg. We understand the wedding is to occur at the bride's New Jersey home on August 2nd.

The Kentucky Issue.

Miss Janie O'Brien, who had been selected as the representative of the Kentucky Issue for this county, has resigned the place in favor of Miss Ida Hewlett. As heretofore stated the Issue, which is the Anti-Saloon League organ of the State, offers to send a number of young ladies on a free trip to Lake Chautauqua. All who secure one hundred subscribers to the Issue at one dollar each are entitled to this delightful trip, and as Miss Hewlett is a very popular and worthy young lady, she can have no difficulty in securing the requisite number. She went to Buchanan yesterday in the interest of the paper.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

It is said that Judge Butler Ratcliff, of Pikeville, is very sick.

Mrs. W. M. Byington, of Prestonsburg, gave birth to a fine baby girl Wednesday.

The Pikeville National Bank has increased its capital stock to \$50,000 and the increase has been approved by the Department. It paid a dividend of 10 per cent. to old stockholders.

The residence of Dr. R. H. Leste, of Prestonsburg, was destroyed by fire last week. It was thought to have caught from the kitchen flue; but, on closer investigation, it was found to be the work of an incendiary.

A message was received in Prestonsburg saying that Dick Hall and a Mr. Thornsbury, of Knott county, had been shot from ambush—Hall through the arm and Thornsbury through the body, the latter being mortally wounded.

The much discussed (and a little cussed) proposition to pave some of the streets of Paintsville, has reached the point when it will be impossible to take water. The contract has been awarded and the material is now enroute to Paintsville and work will be commenced at once.

Miss Gypsie Howes and Mr. Elmer Ramey were married at the residence of the bride, at Fairview, a suburb of Paintsville, Thursday evening. Rev. Buckner of the Christian church officiating. The bride is a daughter of E. F. Howes, and one of the town's most lovable young ladies. The groom is a son of J. N. Ramey, of Paintsville, and a most worthy young man.

At a meeting of the Board of Education held Saturday, it was decided that the Paintsville Graded Free School should commence August 20. The faculty is to be the same as last year. The general average in attendance at the session which closed last week, is a matter of gratification to the faculty.

A. M. Hamilton, of Greenup, and Celista Conley were married at the home of the bride, at Bonanza, last evening. Mr. Hamilton has been here for some time in the spoke business, and is a most worthy and industrious young man, while the bride is one of Bonanza's fairest belles.

Miss Lizzie Archer was the charming hostess at a party Tuesday evening, given in honor of Miss Ruby Diamond, of Louisa, who is a visitor in our city. Miss Archer made the evening a most delightful one for her guests, and all were sorry when good-nights were said. Dainty refreshments were served.—Prestonsburg Item.

Deputy Sheriff Ford arrested Charley Vanhose, near Charleston, W. Va., Tuesday and delivered him to the jailer of Johnson county Wednesday morning. Vanhose stands indicted for detaining a girl against her will, and Gov. Beckham offered a reward of \$200 for his apprehension. Vanhose lives on Chestnut creek, and is as bad a character as this county has yet produced. He is continually in trouble and it is to be hoped he will get to try a term in the penitentiary.—Herald.

About 2 o'clock last Thursday morning the home of Joel C. Martin, of Prestonsburg, was found to be on fire, and in a very short time it was totally destroyed. It was insured for \$3500. It was one of the largest and handsomest residences in town, containing sixteen nice large rooms, with large halls, etc. There were twenty-two people staying in the house—seventeen beside the family. They were boys and girls here attending the Institute. Nothing at all was saved, the family and boarders barely escaping with their lives, all in their night clothes.

Green Sautsberry died at his home on Beaver creek, Floyd county, a few days ago. "Uncle Green" was in his 83th year, and was one of the best citizens Floyd county ever had. He

was a brave Confederate soldier, and nothing gave him more pleasure than to meet an old comrade and talk over the old times, "when they marched to the tune of 'Dixie.'"

Hon. David Stephens, whose death occurred recently in Ashland at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Bank, was one of the most highly respected citizens of Northeastern Kentucky. He was 79 years of age. Born and reared near Prestonsburg, he identified himself as a young man with the public interests of that section. From 1871 to 1875 he served as County Surveyor of Floyd county, and held the office of County Judge from 1883 to 1887.

Pete Webb, a son of Jonah Webb, and well and favorably known in Prestonsburg, was kicked in the stomach last Monday by a mule, and died Wednesday night. Mr. Webb lived on Beaver creek, and was one of Floyd's best and most prosperous citizens, and his untimely death is deeply regretted by all. He was about 35 years of age, and leaves a family, who are heartbroken over his sudden death.

Mrs. Morgan Martin was brought to the King's Daughters' Hospital in Ashland from her home at Albion, Floyd county, and was operated upon Monday; but her condition was too weak to withstand the shock, and she died shortly after the operation. She was accompanied to Ashland by her husband and Dr. Stumbo, who took the body home for burial this morning.

Candidates are bobbing up all around for Clerk of the Court of Appeals. All that are announced spoken of as probable candidates are good men, but none of them are any better or better qualified for this responsible position than our own A. S. Ratcliff, of Pikeville, (son of that most excellent gentleman ex-County Judge W. O. B. Ratcliff, of the city) whose many friends in Pike county and other parts of Eastern Kentucky are urging him to make the race.—Pikeville Plaindealer.

The C. & O. Railway Company has employed Dr. Z. A. Thompson as its surgeon at this place, and the contract has been signed. Dr. Thompson has had lots of practice of this kind for railroads and mining operations and a better available surgeon could not have been selected. He and others are talking of erecting a hospital in Pikeville in the near future.—Plaindealer.

The remains of John Fraley, who was killed by falling state in a coal mine at Nantuck, W. Va., were brought to Prestonsburg on train No. 28, Sunday evening, for burial. He was a hard working, industrious young man and his sad death is much regretted by everyone.

Not Responsible.

As was related in this paper last week the body of William Stephens, the young man killed by the derailment of an engine near Buchanan last Thursday, was brought to Louisa. While it was in the waiting room of the depot a jury was impaneled by County Judge Thompson for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of the death. A young fellow named Fitzgerald, who was with Stephens when he was killed, testified that he and Stephens got on the tender to steal a ride to Louisa, having walked to Buchanan from Huntington. Their being on the tender was unknown to the railroad men and without their consent. Three of the train men also testified that they had not given these boys permission to ride and did not know they were on the tender.

After hearing these facts the jury rendered the following verdict: We the jury agree and find that William Stephens got on a railroad engine without permission and fell off and was killed in a wreck.

D. M. Ward, Ulysses Wilson, M. F. Hale, J. B. Dixon, L. W. Hatfield, A. L. Burton.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Vinson regret to know that the very serious illness of their daughter, Frances, has not changed for the better. She has been sick several days and was at one time thought to have improved somewhat, but we are sorry to say that she is in Catlettsburg yesterday in the